

Newsletter



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FUNDING UPDATES

2023-2024 Federal Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant

The U.S. DOT published a [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) as part of the [BIL](#). The [Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program \(CFI Program\)](#) investments will make modern and sustainable infrastructure accessible to all drivers of electric, hydrogen, propane, and natural gas vehicles. This program provides two funding categories of grants: (1) Community Charging and Fueling Grants (Community Program); and (2) Alternative Fuel Corridor Grants (Corridor Program). [Additional resources](#) and an informational [webinar](#) are available. Applications are due **May 30**.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Program

Under the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\)](#), the USDOT announced that the [\(SS4A\) Program](#) will appropriate \$5 billion over five years to assist with ensuring safe streets and roads for all, and to address the national roadway safety crisis. This program provides two funding categories of grants: (1) Planning and Demonstration Grants; and (2) Implementation Grants. Last year Illinois was awarded six planning grants. There will be [three webinars](#) available on three different topics. Applications are due **July 10**.

IDOT Invites Applications for \$2.5 Million in Transit Grants

IDOT is now accepting applications for a competitive grant program that aims to expand safe, equitable access to public transportation. The grants will fund studies on planning and preliminary engineering issues regarding public multimodal, intermodal and non-motorized transportation. Counties, metropolitan planning agencies, municipalities, state agencies, public transit agencies and state universities are urged to apply. For additional details, visit [2023 IDOT Transit Planning NOFO.pdf \(illinois.gov\)](#). Applications are due **May 24**.

FY2025 Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Call for Projects

In addition to the information contained within this [Circular Letter](#), applicants are directed to visit and explore the [HSIP website](#) which contains information on the IDOT HSIP Policy and analysis tools that may be used to guide the applicant through the application process. Additional tools are also provided in the "Submission Requirements and Resources" section. Applications are due **June 30**.

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SAVE THE DATE

May 10	CMAP Board
May 10	Unified Work Program
May 11	KKCOM Bike Ped Committee
May 18	STP Project Selection Committee
June 2	CMAP Transportation Committee
June 8	MPO Policy Committee
June 14	CMAP Board

KKCOM STAFF UPDATES

Kaci Crowley has accepted another position in Planning so KKCOM and KDOT is seeking a new Regional Planning Liaison and Bike Ped Coordinator. Please share with those that you feel would be a good fit. The job description and qualifications will soon be posted on the [Kane County Employment website](#). Thank you for your service and best wishes, Kaci!



KANE COUNTY UPDATES

Kane County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update

The Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) and its consultant team have produced a draft update to the Kane County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan. The project team attended one event, the Fox Valley Marathon Expo (September 2022), prior to drafting an Existing Conditions Report. Moving forward, the project team will attend two more events: the Aurora Food Truck Festival (May 5, 2023), and Batavia's Indoor Farmers Market (May 13, 2023) to collect feedback on the proposed facilities and policies.

KDOT encourages residents, municipal leaders, and advocates to submit public comments on the plan. The submitted public comments will help inform the project team of its recommendations before the draft is finalized and put before the Kane County Board for approval. The public comment period opened on April 27, 2023, and will remain open until May 15, 2023. To submit a public comment, visit the project website or email planningstaff@co.kane.il.us. A hard copy of the plan can be accessed at KDOT offices (41W011 Burlington Rd, Campton Hills, IL 60175). Public comments can also be mailed to KDOT offices.

To view and download the draft plan, visit www.kanecountybikeplan.com. Those interested in learning more about the project can contact KDOT staff at planningstaff@co.kane.il.us.

Fox Valley Bike Share Program

The Fox Valley Bike Share launched the week of April 17th in the communities of Aurora, Montgomery, and Oswego. To rent a bike, click [here](#) to download the Koloni app.

IDOT UPDATES

2023 Special Programs Assistance Conference (EDP, ITEP, and SRTS)

IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-09](#) announcing that the Special Programs Unit will be holding informational conferences in each IDOT district to present three grant programs – Economic Development Program (EDP), Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP), and Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS). IDOT staff will be available for two days in each IDOT District to offer general information and answer your specific questions one-on-one. District 3 will meet May 16 – 17 in Ottawa and District 1 May 23 - 24 in Schaumburg. Links to register for the morning sessions and to reserve individual appointment slots are available on the [ITEP](#) and [SRTS](#) web pages.

Streamlined Environmental Survey Screening Process

IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-08](#), which details significant improvements and changes made to streamline the process of environmental surveys to improve review time. Recent Bureau of Design and Environment (BDE) policy changes allow local projects to now be screened for natural and cultural resources by certain qualified and trained Central Office Bureau of Local Roads and Streets (CBLRS) Staff.

VULNERABLE ROAD USER SAFETY ASSESSMENT

On March 15, 2023, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-10](#). With the passage of IJA, IDOT is required to assist and support LPAs to perform a Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Safety Assessment as part of the state's Highway Safety Improvement Plan. The law establishes that the VRU Safety Assessment must be completed no later than November 15, 2023.

NATIONAL BIKE & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY

Registration is now open for the 12th annual National Bike & Roll to School Day. The event will take place on **May 3, 2023**. There are currently 19 registered events in Illinois. Information on how to register, see which schools are currently participating, and to plan an event are available on the [event website](#).

2023 CALL FOR PROJECTS SURVEY

Thank you to everyone that applied for CMAQ, CRP, STP Shared Fund, and/or TAP-Local funding from CMAP! In order to make improvements going forward, CMAP would like to get your feedback on the application process. This [short survey](#) should take less than 5 minutes to complete.

ITEP AWARDS ANNOUNCED

IDOT announced that \$127.9 million has been awarded through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP). Congratulations to the following municipalities in Kane County:

- City of Batavia – Illinois 31 Road Diet: \$1,003,770
- Village of Montgomery – U.S. 30 Ped Bridge Shared-Use Path: \$2,540,528

UPDATED/REVISED DYNAMIC INVOICE FORM BLR 05620

The [BLR 05620](#) has been updated and revised and is now required when requesting reimbursement for a Joint Funding Agreement (JA), Township Bridge Program (TBP), and Grade Cross Protection Funds (GCPF).



CMAP NEWS

2023 State of the Region: Thriving Together

The State of the Region program celebrates the organizations and individuals successfully working to improve northeastern Illinois, its communities, and its people, while bringing attention to public sentiment on key quality-of-life issues.

For the 2023 program, CMAP is taking the celebration on the road! Executive Director Erin Aleman and CMAP employees are visiting with communities throughout the region's seven counties to showcase awards and share more details on the state of the region and what we can continue to achieve together on the way to [2050 and beyond](#). Through their accomplishments and careers, the 2023 award winners have helped our region become more accessible, equitable, and sustainable. Congratulations to the [winners](#)!

Transit Reform Top of Mind for Northeastern Illinois' Transportation Leaders

The conference, called "[Public Transit in a Post-Covid World: Building a Financially Stable, Equitable, and Accessible Mass Transit System](#)," featured panel discussions with transportation experts, including Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Executive Director Erin Aleman.

The regional transit system in northeastern Illinois is facing a budget shortfall of more than \$730 million by 2026. Transit agencies have been relying on federal relief funds to operate, and the funding will no longer be available in a few years.

Panelists shared thoughts and expertise on the future and financial sustainability of regional transit and the fiscal cliff facing transit systems, as well as the role transit plays in spurring economic development and addressing equity and accessibility. That governance question, along with improvements to service and rider experience and funding options, are at the center of

CMAP's work with stakeholders to develop and submit a [Plan of Action for Regional Transit \(PART\)](#) to the governor and Illinois General Assembly.

FLIP Summer Program

CMAP is now accepting applications for their [2023 Future Leaders in Planning \(FLIP\) program](#). FLIP is a free summer program for high school students to explore the field of urban planning and learn about the issues that shape our region and communities. Students learn about planning topics through engaging sessions, activities, and site visits. FLIP is open to high school students in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties. [Applications](#) are due by Tuesday, May 30.

When: Monday, July 10, through Friday, July 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: CMAP's office in downtown Chicago (433 W. Van Buren St.), plus locations around the region.

A Year of Significant Progress: Annual Report Highlights Work That Makes Our Region Stronger

Northeastern Illinois had an exceptional year, with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) supporting a shared vision and ON TO 2050 goals that make our region a stronger, more resilient place to live.

[CMAP's 2022 Annual Report](#) looks back at the significant progress made and highlights their work toward improving the region's transportation system, addressing climate resiliency, and ensuring they have a thriving economy — while embracing and applying an equity lens. The report also highlights CMAP's continued efforts to deliver local assistance and resources and inform and engage diverse audiences.

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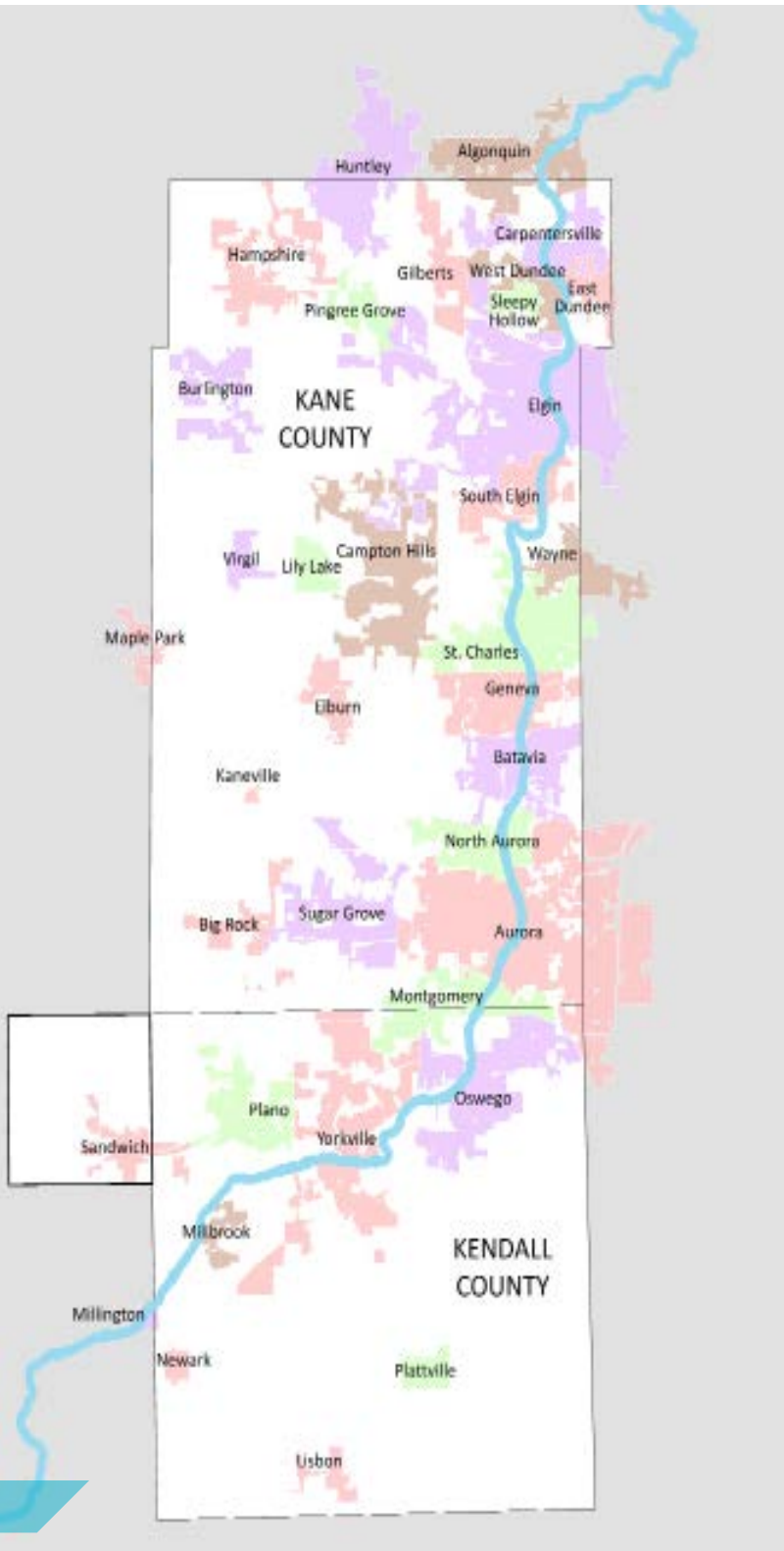
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